

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Friday Morning, Feb. 28, 1868.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance of insertion.

TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

Auction Sales To-day.

P. M. BACKUS... Wharf street....will sell, at 11 a.m., Apples and Pears.

'The plot thickens!' The 'irrepressible conflict' between President Johnson and his contumacious Congress is assuming a more serious and alarming shape. The President, refusing to recognise Stanton as Secretary of War, has appointed a General Thomas temporarily to perform the duties; but Stanton has been requested by the Senate not to 'recognise' the President and to hold on to the office until otherwise advised by the Senate. This he has promised to do; and it is added that he has the sympathy of General Grant and may count upon his active support should an attempt be made to unseat him. On the 25th the Senate impeached the President, alleging that by his course in removing Stanton he was 'guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors.' Mr. Banks, in the House, has reported a bill which demands for naturalized citizens in their native country the same privileges as are accorded native-born American citizens; and in case 'any (naturalized) citizen shall have been arrested and detained, whose release upon demand shall have been unnecessarily delayed or refused, the President' is empowered to order the arrest of any foreign citizens or subjects within the jurisdiction of the United States, and detain them in custody until the demand shall be complied with and the citizens released. This bill has a warlike tendency. It is intended to reach such cases as those of the Fenians convicted of treason and murder, who claimed to be naturalized American citizens, and demanded to be tried by a mixed jury of Americans and Englishmen. The demand was not acceded to—the English judges deciding that a British subject can never forswear his allegiance. The Fenians were tried as British subjects and hanged or imprisoned. Whether Gen. Banks intends the bill shall have an *ex post facto* effect, and whether the President to demand the release of Fenians convicted under the ruling of the English judges, is not stated; but we presume the object of the bill is to apply only to future cases, for how could the wretches lately hanged come in for their share of its benefits? The misunderstanding on this point is unfortunate; and the passage of the bill by Congress will scarcely induce Great Britain to recede from her position in this respect. The subject is one that would properly form the basis of a treaty between the two nations; but *ex parte* legislation will never settle the disputed point. The clause empowering the President to adopt retaliatory measures upon the persons of citizens of any country desiring to extend to naturalized citizens of the United States similar privileges to those it accords native-born citizens, points directly to the British Minister, for it is not to be supposed the President would pass over the Minister and 'take up' a British subject of lesser note. Should this bill pass, and should a case of the nature complained of recur in Great Britain, and should the British Minister or any other subject of the Queen be imprisoned in retaliation, there will be sufficient cause for war—precisely what the Fenians are striving to bring about, and precisely what the Americans least desire. But we don't believe Mr. Banks' bill is anything more serious than a bid for the Irish vote at the approaching Presidential election—a straw intended to tickle the Emerald Islanders into good humor with the Radicals and secure the return of the candidates of that party. After election Paddy and his grievances will rest on the shelf until his vote is again required.

At a recent New York party a new figure was introduced into the "German," called "Le Gant." The head or leading couple commence the figure by dancing a galop once round the room, after which the lady distributes to each gentleman a pair of lady's light evening gloves, and the gentleman presents to each lady a pair of gentleman's gloves—which, on this occasion, were orange colored dog-skin. Then each couple waltz round the room a few times, when two lines are formed—the ladies on one side of the room and the gentlemen opposite. The next movement is the famous "forward two," when a general exchange of gloves takes place, the gentlemen receiving from the ladies their dog-skin gloves, and they in return presenting each lady with a pair of evening gloves. The gloves are fastened by a light colored ribbon to the button hole or bracelet. The figure is concluded by dancing the *trois temps*.

Esquimalt Board of Road Commission.

TENDERS ARE REQUIRED ON OR before 12 o'clock on TUESDAY, 2nd March, for Grading and Graveling that portion of the Crawfurd road, 450 yards more or less, lately included in the city limits (about W st).

Specifications may be seen and full particulars obtained at the Office of the undersigned, Government street.

By Order, J. E. MALLANDINE, Clerk to the Boards of Road Commissioners.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO ANNOUNCE that he has sold the UNION MEAT MARKET (corner of Fort and Douglas streets, Victoria, B.C.) to take effect on and after 1st March; and will respectfully solicit for his successor in business a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed on him.

JOHN MURRAY.

Feb. 28, 1868.

At the 1868 Annual Meeting of the

Esquimalt Board of Road Commission,

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Legal Notices.

NEW WESTMINSTER
MUNICIPAL TAXES.

Notice to Defaulters.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the lots of defaulting Municipal Taxpayers of New Westminister will be offered for sale,

BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON MONDAY, MARCH 2d, 1868,
AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,

Unless payment be previously made,
By order,

H. V. EDMONDS,
Clerk Municipal Council,
New Westminister, Feb. 25, 1868.



"The Licences Ordinance, 1867."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
Trade Licences for the half year ending 30th June, 1868, under the above Ordinance, are due and payable at the Office of the Stipendiary Magistrate.

HENRY FOWLER,
Clerk of the Court,

Victoria, V.I., 11th February, 1868.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Isaac Humphreys, deceased, Intestate.

A LL PERSONS WHO ARE INDEBTED TO
the above Estate are required to pay the amount due and owing to the person who has been appointed by the above Estate, or are required to send in their accounts on or before the 17th March next to the Official Assignee. Such accounts must be proved before the Registrar, otherwise they will be excluded.

RICHARD WOODS,
Official Administrator.

Supreme Court,
Registrar's Office,

15th February, 1868.

NOTICE.

DURING MY ABSENCE FROM THE

Colony Mr. Norton L. Knudsen holds my

Power of Attorney and Powers of Attorney given by me

before this Fourteenth day of February, 1868, being

revised.

FRANCIS TARVELL

NOTICE.

A LL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE

late Firm of Harris & Murray are requested to

make payment to the person who has been appointed by

the above Estate, or are required to send in their

accounts on or before the 17th March next to the Official

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JOHN MURRAY,

15th February, 1868.

Notice of the Bankruptcy of John Murray, Esq.,

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